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Anniversary Week AT HEADQUARTERS.

Salvation Army is nothing if not aggressive. It was the centenary of Canada's birth which was the commentary of Canada's journal in reviewing the proceed-

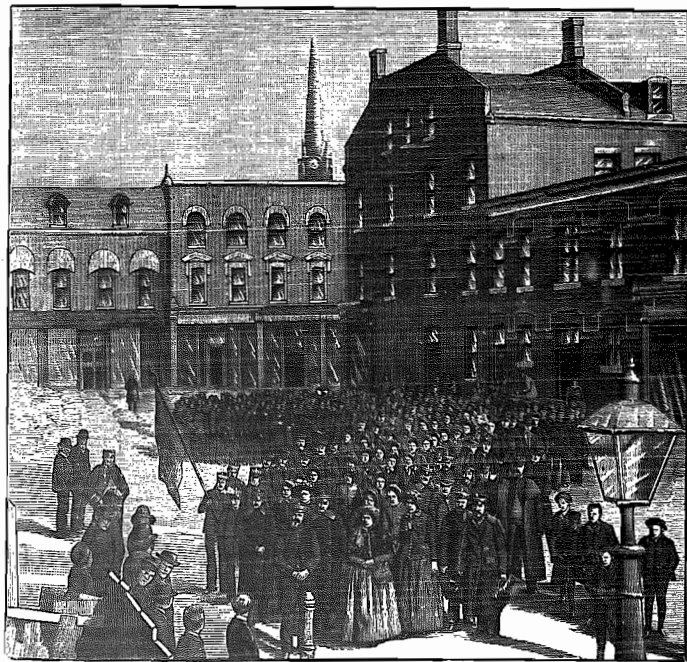
and Fire flag in our city streets, and so inaugurated this Aggressive Fight in the Dominion, and as we count o'er and o'er the many brilliant victories that have marked the many seeming insurmountable barriers that the goodness of our good God has enabled us to overcome, we are amazed how in such short space of time so much has been accomplished; and wonderful as the advance has been all through

should be a season of greater aggression on the power of evil; and it was most fitting that it should be a season of renewed consecration of life and purpose and of inauguration of new and more important branches of the work, which shall keep up the war of aggression and perpetuate the Gospel of Light in our Dominion for all time to come. True, there have been larger gatherings of Salvationists in our city, but there have never been greater crowds in our meetings;

to Ocean upon the unprecedented success of their Headquarters' Anniversary, and summons our colleagues in the pen and ink war to a recital of the proceedings.

THE WELCOME MEETING.

On Saturday night a large crowd assembled at the Temple for the opening festival, and although much regret was expressed at the absence of the Commissioner, through ill-health, a most enjoyable and hilarious time was experienced. The



STAFF AND FIELD-OFFICERS MARCH AT THE TEMPLE ANNIVERSARY.

our Anniversary, and we question world to-day exhibits a more striking example of the fruits of nothingness than the Salvation Army, and quite sure that in no part of the have fruits more wonderful, more vital and more blessed been obtained in our own loved Dominion. As we eyes along the course of the five and a half that have elapsed since the band first unfurled the Blood-

the time, yet the two years that have elapsed since the opening of the great Temple and Dominion Headquarters, have undoubtedly been the epoch of our career, and the advances in influence, in substance, in power, and in spirituality of those two years have by far exceeded all their predecessors.

It was very fitting then, that this second Anniversary should be a season of joyful celebration; it was more fitting that it

and there has never been a greater impression produced upon the public mind, nor a kindlier expression of public good will, and, above all, to quote the words of one who has gauged our work from its outset from the best and highest of all standards: "There has never been a time of such deep spiritual work, nor one in which the spirit of enquiry after light and power has been more blessedly evoked." This being so we congratulate our comrades from Ocean

Chief took charge, supported by a large Staff, and song and testimony in abundance filled the bill. The testimonies of the soldiers were particularly exhilarating, amongst them being numbers of new converts and such old timers as Bagdad, Father Dixon, Solomon from Gospel, and the Flag-Hat from Ottawa. D. O. Bang sang a song, and Majors Spooner and Bailey drew in the net, enclosing one good fish as the first fruits of the Anniversary.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY AT THE TEMPLE.

"Thine earthly Sabbath, Lord, we love."

The enthusiasm of the Saturday night meeting extended into a calm expectancy for glorious times on the coming morning, and many Salvationists lay down in sweet repose, their hearts entwined in the affections of Him Who "giveth His beloved angels."

"Night when the vapours round the sun's face
Melt into light and sweep the world."

With that morning resurrection of nature arose a host of Salvation soldiers, their souls filled with a cheerful confidence in God and consoling zeal for His Kingdom.

At seven o'clock the songs of Zion were breathed through the basement of the Temple and we don't remember ever having attended a more beautiful, most inspiring assembly; all solemnities had been in a far-seeing light and everybody was on the pinnacle of expectancy. Even the Staff seemed for the time to forget the "world of letters," and

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He further reminded his hearers that these "invaluable patches" were not hidden to the all-seeing eyes of God, and implored all present to examine themselves in His light, and let Him accomplish in their hearts all that He was waiting and willing to do.

One brother had struck a most enviable experience: "Dear friends," exclaimed he, "when I trouble you to see me, they are no troubles at all!"

The Commissioner said that the longer he believed the more he appreciated the religion of God, and the more he looked at where God had brought him now and where God had brought him from, the more he appreciated the religion of God.

His sentiments he related an adventure of a few days previous in the North-West. He was crossing the great Canadian prairie, and was at midnight. A furious storm swept down from the Rockies, while the golden torrent of foam by waters howled beneath in a terrific food of howling waves.

Guidedly the passengers were aroused by the jarring of the train which soon came to a halt. They were told it was only a certain extent were dispelled, but the Commissioner on learning that the rails on the pinnacles of electricity. Even the Staff seemed for the time to forget the "world of letters," and

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The Cadettes from the Ecole Militaire of Montreal, assisted by Staff-Capt. Simon sang a beautiful French song.

Seigneur en ton jour,
Non vons oublie de ta loi,
Car c'est en ton amour,
Que nous sommes tous unis.

After which Staff-Capt. Simon gave an account of the French work and explained the difficulties and persecutions connected therewith.

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Under-people to the young but his baby corps at Arden Street, God inspiring meetings were held at the quarters, and the following train have been received:

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